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**CLOSURE OF THE SOUTHEAST SECTION TO
TANNER CRAB FISHING IN THE KODIAK DISTRICT**

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-S-16-12

All waters of the Southeast Section of the Kodiak District will close to Tanner crab fishing at **5:59 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2012**. Voluntary catch reports indicate the total section guideline harvest level will be attained at the time of the closure.

Crabs harvested from the Southeast Section must be delivered within 24 hours of the closure. All pots within the closed area must be unbaited and doors open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters deeper than 25 fathoms for 72 hours. After 72 hours, all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters shallower than 25 fathoms.

For further details, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.